

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 15-21 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 15-21 are amended. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendment and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Final Office Action dated November 12, 2009 rejected claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tack, U.S. Patent No. 6,485,271, in view of Meier et al. (hereinafter “Meier”). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a supporting device including a plurality of coil springs that connects the compressor main body to the casing, wherein each of the plurality of coil springs includes a tightly wound upper end part fixed to one surface of the compressor main body, a tightly wound lower end part fixed to one surface of the casing, and an inner part formed between the tightly wound upper end part and the tightly wound lower end part, wherein the inner part comprises a first elastic part attached to the tightly wound upper end part with each round of the first elastic part wound at a first predetermined pitch, a second elastic part attached to the tightly wound lower end part with each round of the second elastic part wound at a second predetermined pitch, and a mass part tightly wound between the first elastic part and the second elastic part, wherein the first predetermined pitch and the second predetermined pitch are different at a same round from each end of the mass part. Tack and Meier, taken alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest at least such features of independent claim 1, or

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the claimed combination.

Accordingly, independent claim 1 defines over Tack and Meier. Dependent claims 15-21 are allowable over Tack and Meier at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 1, from which they depend, as well as for their added features.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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